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(Neb.)-Community Invited To Seed Swap And Garden Design

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(CHADRON)-Campus Arboretum Volunteers at Chadron State College are kicking off a new year of events, starting February 23rd from 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, located at 1000 Main St. in Chadron.

"We are excited to kick off our fifth year of volunteer events. This year's activities are centered around the one of our most requested topics, elements of garden design," explained public horticulturist Lucinda Mays. The February 23rd event will include a mini-lesson on the placement of trees in a residential landscape. There will also be time dedicated to sharing seed catalogs, seed swapping and packaging.

"We invite anyone interested in sharing their experience growing plants in the high plains, or those interested in learning more, to join us. Folks that have left over seeds from last year or seed catalogs are encouraged to bring some to share," Mays concluded. Volunteers will go home with a hand-packaged packet of flower seeds from campus gardens. Families with children are always welcome and this workday is another great opportunity for kids and parents to get involved.

The Campus Arboretum Volunteers host learn and work days on campus about every 6-8 weeks. The 2013 calendar features elements of design relating to tree pruning and planting, plant placement in the spring, and dirt work in the fall. The events are held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon. All events begin at the Sandoz Center on the CSC Campus, and all ages and experience levels are encouraged to come.

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